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SUBJECT: DISARMAMENT: ALGERIAN POSITION ON 1975 BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS  
CONVENTION AND 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL GAS & BACTERIOLOGICAL  
WARFARE

REF: (A) STATE 33992, (B) STATE 34014, (C) 76 ALGIERS 3032

1. ON FEB. 23 EMBOFF PRESENTED AIDES MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT  
CONVENTION TO BOU YAQUB OF ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION. BOU YAQUB, WHO VERY  
JUNIOR, SAID HE HAD CONSULTED MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS CHIEF HADJ AZZOUT AND HAD BEEN GIVEN OFFICIAL  
GOA POLICY ON DISARMAMENT.

2. ALGERIAN POSITION, BOU YAQUB SAID, WAS THAT QUESTION  
OF DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE TACKLED COMPREHENSIVELY AND THAT  
SMALL STEPS WHICH TWO SUBJECT PROTOCOLS REPRESENT NOT  
ACCEPTABLE MEASURES. ALGERIANS, OF COURSE, HAD NEITHER  
INTENTION NOR MEANS OF DEVELOPING BIOLOGICAL, GAS OR  
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BACTERIOLOGICAL WARFARE CAPABILITY AND THUS NOT  
DIRECTLY CONCERNED BY SUBJECT CONVENTIONS. THEREFORE,  
ALGERIAN APPROACH TO QUESTION WAS ON OF PRINCIPLE. IN  
GOA'S VIEW SUPER POWERS HAD NOT YET SHOWN SINCERE WILL  
TO DISARM, AND UNTIL THEY DID SO, MEASURE LIKE SUBJECT  
CONVENTIONS NOT WORTHWHILE.

3. GOA, BOU YAQUB SAID, HAD MAINTAINED FOREGOING POSITION ALMOST SINCE ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1962. ONLY EXCEPTION WAS SIGNATURE OF LTBT IN 1963, AN ACTION WHICH BOU YAQUB SAID WAS TAKEN BEFORE ALGERIAN POLICY ON QUESTION HAD JELLED.

4. BOU YAQUB NOTED THAT GOA REMAINED INTERESTED AND ACTIVE IN DISARMAMENT MATTERS AND WAS MEMBER OF PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL UNGA ON DISARMAMENT.

5. COMMENT: AS WE COMMENTED IN 76 ALGIERS 3032, ALGERIAN FAILURE TO RATIFY LTBT NOT ATTRIBUTABLE TO BUREAUCRATIC DELAY AS BOU YAQUB CONTENDED AT TIME. GOA, IT SEEMS, SIMPLY WANTS NO PART OF CURRENT DISARMAMENT EFFORTS.

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